

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

USDA Rural Development Grant – Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

Staff has applied for an USDA Rural Development Grant to purchase an emergency response ATV unit, an automatic external defibrillator, and first aid kits for use at Brushy Creek State Recreation Area. This emergency response equipment will be welcomed additions to the recreation area given its extensive multi-use trail system, multiple campgrounds and day-use areas, and large lake. The grant has been reviewed favorably, which allows USDA to proceed with the next step of asking the DNR to complete forms and processes needed to move ahead to funding. While success of receiving the grant appears promising, it is not guaranteed at this time. The total project amount is \$11,924, with \$6,500 provided by USDA, \$4,424 provided by DNR State Parks Bureau, and \$1,000 from beverage can deposits collected by the campground hosts.

Prior to receiving final approval for the grant, the DNR must hold at least one public meeting to allow the citizenry an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed project. USDA has agreed that an item approved at an Iowa Natural Resource Commission meeting will satisfy this requirement.

Commission approval is requested to give the DNR Director the authority to sign the certifications and other paperwork USDA requires in order to give final consideration to award to grant.

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